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"Four flies, four brother flies," he said, "set out into the world, one summer day, to seek their fortunes."

"Up and down they flew, and finally, a window being open, they found themselves in a large, delightful room. There was a great white table in the middle of the room, and on it many tempting viands were spread.

"The first fly, with a buzz of delight, settled upon a dish of lovely, amber-colored jam. He ate his fill. Then, with a low cry of agony, he expired. The jam, alas, was adulterated with copras.

"The second fly saw in his comrade's fate a moral. Luxuries, he reasoned, were deadly. He would stick, therefore, to the plainest, simplest things. And so he fell to upon a crust of bread, and in another moment breathed his last. The bread was adulterated with alum.

"The third fly was so grieved over the fate of his two comrades that he resolved to drown his sorrows in drink. There was a glass of beer handy. He settled in it greedily. But the beer was adulterated with cocculus indicus, and in less than a minute the fly, quite dead, floated with limp wings on the surface of the amber fluid.

"In despair the fourth fly hid himself in a corner. Sorrow overpowered him. Large tears rolled from his compound eyes, and, unfortunately, in this mood his glance

fell upon a large dish of fly poison. "What is life," he muttered, "without my three dear brothers? I'll kill myself."

"And he sipped a little of the poison. It was palatable, even appetizing. Resolved to make a good job of it, he drank greedily, and, still drinking, awaited the end.

"But the end did not come. The fly poison, like everything else in the room, was adulterated. The little insect found it harmless. Indeed, it cheered, exhilarated, strengthened him, so that he no longer desired death. And since that time succeeding generations of flies have adopted it as their only safe food."

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